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Sioux Falls Soldiers to return home from Kuwait deployment

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A welcome home ceremony for 38 Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 3:00 p.m. (CT) at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

The Sioux Falls-based unit is returning from a 10-month deployment to Kuwait where the Soldiers conducted security and force protection operations at several bases in the country.

U.S. Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the SDNG, are planned speakers for the ceremony.

The unit returned to the United States on Dec. 7 and has been completing demobilization requirements at Fort Hood, Texas, before returning to South Dakota.

The Kuwait deployment completes the second mobilization for the 196th since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The unit first deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010-2011.

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